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DURBAN FOR AMBASSADOR BOWDLER FROM DCM NELSON

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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: PROPOSED MEETINGS WITH BOTHA AND VORSTER

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1. DESPITE VAN DALSEN'S ASSURANCES TO GERMAN AMBASSADOR
EICK, FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA HAS JUST TOLD BRITISH
AMBASSADOR SCOTT THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WAS NOT RPT NOT
ADVISED THAT FIVE WANTED THE MEETING WITH HIM DELAYED.
SCOTT REPORTS THAT BOTHA SAID, IF THE FIVE INSIST, HE WILL
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INFORM VORSTER OF THEIR WISHES. BOTHA WAS CONFIDENT THE
PRIME MINISTER WOULD AGREE TO THE DELAY, BUT HE HOPED
WE COULD FIND OUR WAY CLEAR TO HOLDING THE TWO MEETINGS
ON MONDAY BECAUSE (1) IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP THE PRIME
MINISTER ENGAGED AND THE MOMENTUM GOING, AND (2) AFTER
MONDAY, BOTHA AND FOURIE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR A
MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER FOR AT LEAST A WEEK OR

POSSIBLY MORE. STRONGLY URGING THAT WE GO AHEAD WITH BOTH MEETINGS ON MONDAY, BOTHA ASSURED SCOTT THAT WOULD NOT PRECLUDE ANOTHER MEETING WITH VORSTER AFTER THE FIVE HAD HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MONDAY SESSIONS.

2. THE BRITISH AND GERMAN AMBASSADORS INTEND TO RECOMMEND THAT WE ACCEED TO BOTHA'S WISHES AND GO AHEAD WITH BOTH MEETINGS ON MONDAY, ON THE FULL UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR A SUBSEQUENT MEETING. DO NOT YET HAVE THE VIEWS OF THE CANADIANS AND FRENCH.
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